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COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS

TOKYO FOR DEP.ASST. SECRETARY SNEIDER

CINCPACREP PASS TO HICOM AND STATUS LNO

1. THIS MESSAGE EYES ONLY HICOM, DEPHICOM, AND STATUS LNO FROM STATE AND INTERIOR/DOTA.
2. RECENT COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTLY TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FROM VARIOUS TTPI OFFICIALS AT BOTH DISTRICT AND HEADQUARTERS LEVELS AS WELL AS FROM CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AGAIN HIGHLIGHT GROWING TTPI INVOLVEMENT IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES HAVING DIRECT OR INDIRECT IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND USG FOREIGN AFFAIRS AUTHORITY.
3. HICOM'S DECEMBER 3, 1973 MEMO TO TTPI CABINET OFFICERS AND DISTADS, IN RESPONSE DOTA'S NOVEMBER 26 LETTER, WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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INTENDED TO REGULARIZE PROCEDURES RELATING TO COORDINATION

FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES WITH STATUS LNO AS DEPARTMENT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN TTPI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE WOULD INDICATE THIS DIRECTIVE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN OR IS BEING IGNORED. THIS SITUATION IS OF

MAJOR CONCERN TO USG AND MUST BE RECTIFIED SOONEST.

4. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HICOM SHOULD AGAIN CIRCULATE DECEMBER 3 MEMO WITH COVERING MESSAGE EMPHASIZING ABSOLUTE ADHERENCE REQUIRED BY ALL TTPI OFFICIALS. ADDITIONALLY, DISTADS SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED THAT THEY ARE NOT REPEAT NOT IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN OFFICIALS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OR WITH US EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES WITHOUT SPECIFIC PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM HICOM IN COORDINATION STATUS LNO. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM ANY ABOVE SOURCES SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE REFERRED TO HICOM'S OFFICE FOR ACTION WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DISTADS AS APPROPRIATE. IN OTHER WORDS, ALL REPEAT ALL DEALINGS WITH OFFICIAL FOREIGN ENTITIES ARE TO BE THROUGH HICOM'S OFFICE AND IN COORDINATION WITH STATUS LNO.

5. REGARDING CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WE RECOGNIZE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPOSE SUCH RESTRAINTS ON THAT BODY. NEVERTHELESS, USG IS RESPONSIBLE UNDER TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR CONDUCT MICRONESIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND WILL RETAIN THESE RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP, ASSUMING IMPLEMENTATION OF STATUS RELATIONSHIPS WITH US NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION. HICOM SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE COM TO USE NORMAL USG CHANNELS FOR CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. USG WISHES BE HELPFUL TO CONGRESS IN THIS REGARD RATHER THAN PLAY OBSTRUCTIONIST ROLE (E.G. US SPONSORSHIP ECAFE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR MICRONESIA). BUT WE WISH AVOID EROSION US RESPONSIBILITIES BY DEFAULT.

6. BEYOND ABOVE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FOREIGN CONTACTS, WE WISH URGE HICOM AND ALL OTHER SENIOR TTPI OFFICIALS TO CONSULT WITH STATUS LNO ON TEXTS OF ANY PROPOSED CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVING FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR POLITICAL STATUS IMPLICATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT STATUS LNO CAN BE MOST HELPFUL IN ASSURING CONSISTENCY WITH CURRENT US POLICY IN THESE AREAS.

7. TO ASSIST IN ASSURING COMPLIANCE THIS INSTRUCTION WE ARE SENDING SEPARATE CIRCULAR MESSAGE TO MOST US EMBASSIES IN EAST ASIA/PACIFIC AREA WHICH (A) ADVISES OF US FOREIGN

AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS MICRONESIA; (B)
REQUIRES THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS ADDRESSED TO TTPI BE FOR
HICOM AND/OR STATUS LNO. THIS PROCEDURE WILL APPLY REGARD-
LESS SOURCE ANY MESSAGE FROM TTPI WHICH MAY HAVE PROMPTED
EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS TO TTPI. FOR INSTANCE, ANY MES-
SAGES FROM CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA OR ITS COMMITTEES WOULD
BE RESPONDED TO VIA ABOVE PROCEDURE.
8. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION PARA
FOUR ABOVE. SISCO

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